

REMARKS

Originally filed claims 1 – 11 are presented for reconsideration and further examination in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

In the outstanding Office Action, claims 1 – 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the enablement requirement; the specification was objected to due to informalities; and the drawings are objected to because “the tape” and “housing” are not shown in figure 7.

By this Response and Amendment,
drawing figures 3 and 3A have been amended to show tape housing 118;
the specification has been amended to provide reference to elements 8b and 8c of figure 3A; and

drawing figure 7 has been amended to show tape housing 118.

Support for the amendment to figures 3 and 3A can be found in original figures 5 and 6; support for the amendment to the specification can be found in original figures 3A, figure 7, and page 6, lines 2 – 5 of the originally filed application; and support for the amendment to drawing figure 7 can be found in original figure 5 and on page 5, lines 23 – 26. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the above amendments do not introduce any new matter under 35 U.S.C. §132.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112, First Paragraph

The Examiner rejected claims 1 – 11 as containing subject matter as not being enabled asserting that “the embodiment of Figs. 5 and 6 is not differentiated from the embodiment of Figs. 1 – 4. However, the tape 18 and the tape housing 118 is not shown or disclosed as being part of Figs. 1 – 4.

Response

By this Response and Amendment, drawing figures 3 and 3A have been amended to show tape 18 and tape housing 118 when the canister 12 is in an extended configuration as shown in the drawings.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections.

Objections To The Specification

The Examiner objected to the specification due to informalities, specifically asserting that “elements 18B and 18C do not appear in the specific[ation] but are present in Fig. 3A.”

Response

Initially, Applicant notes that Figure 3A of the originally filed application does not include element numbers 18B or 18C. However, Figure 3A does include element numbers 8B and 8C. Therefore, by this Response and Amendment, Applicant has amended the specification to more properly describe roll holder 8b and roll holder cover 8c.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding objections is respectfully requested.

Objection To The Drawings

The Examiner objected to the drawings “because Fig. 7 is disclosed as similar to Figs. 5 and 6. However, the tape and tape housing are not shown.”

Response

By this Response and Amendment, figure 7 has been amended to show the tape housing

118 as disclosed in figures 5 and 6. As an external view of the canister 30 is shown, only an external view of the tape housing is shown. Therefore, the tape cannot be seen in this drawing. However, a person having ordinary skill in the art will understand that from the statement in the specification that "a canister 30... is essentially the same as canisters 12 of Figs. 5 and 6," *originally filed application* at page 5, lines 25 – 26, the tape of the canister 30 can be configured similarly to the tape shown in figures 5 and 6.

Accordingly, Applicant requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the objection to figure 7.

CONCLUSION

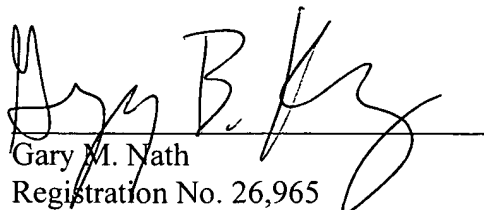
In light of the foregoing, Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes the application is not in condition for allowance, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney if it is believed that such contact will expedite the prosecution of the application.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, Applicant petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

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In The Drawings

Please amend drawing figures 3 and 3A to include tape 18 and tape housing 118 as shown in the attached replacement figures.

Please amend drawing figure 7 to include tape housing 118 as shown in the attached replacement figure.